

**GOP SHOULD STOP PLAYING
POLITICS WITH PEOPLES' LIVES**

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, to paraphrase a famous Republican, "There they go again." Just as they did last year, the Republican Congress is holding badly needed emergency funding hostage to political whimsy.

As we all remember, though I'm sure some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would like to forget, the GOP held up emergency appropriations for flood victims in North Dakota for political purposes.

This year, Republicans are holding up federal relief for families in the Northeast who were recently battered by icestorms. Rather than have a straight vote on the emergency appropriations, Republicans are tying these funds to their agenda to decimate housing aid, cut education, and eliminate the President's national service program.

It has become apparent that the House leadership would rather build bridges to their right-wing constituencies than rebuild communities shattered by the forces of nature. These tactics have failed before, and they will certainly fail again.

Mr. Speaker, the families in Upstate New York, Maine and other Northeastern states need help, not political maneuvering. And they need help right now. I ask my colleagues to oppose this measure and instead demand an immediate, clear vote on emergency funding.

IN HONOR OF PAUL ROBESON DAY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial of the birth of Paul Leroy Robeson.

Whereas, Paul Robeson grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, the son of an escaped slave who was a Presbyterian minister; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson's forensic skills while in high school won him a scholarship to Rutgers University where he was the only African-American student and only the third African-American student in the college's history; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson, a brilliant student who was elected to the highest academic honor society in America, Phi Beta Kappa, in his junior year, was valedictorian of his college class and a Commencement speaker at a college where he could not live on campus in a dormitory; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson, a gifted four-letter athlete and two year football All-American understood the importance of community service and received the acknowledgment of the New Brunswick, New Jersey African-American community at a banquet in his honor while a student at Rutgers; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson went on to earn a law degree at Columbia University School of Law in 1923 and was admitted to the New York State bar; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson made his mark in the United States and abroad on the stage

and screen including becoming the definitive *Othello* in modern theater and setting an all-time record for a Shakespearean play on Broadway of two-hundred-ninety-six performances; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson was a fearless advocate for the cause of human dignity and the civil rights of his fellow African-Americans and the human rights of other oppressed peoples throughout the world, and in doing so, sacrificed his career as a world renowned actor and singer; and

Whereas, in recognition of the achievements and accomplishments of Paul Robeson, the Chicago Board of Education constructed and opened Paul Robeson High School in the 1st Congressional District in 1977; and

Whereas, Paul Robeson's determination, academic achievements, self-discipline and self-esteem epitomize the traits and attributes that should be emulated by students all over the United States;

I applaud the Governor of Illinois, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and Paul Robeson High School in memorializing the life and works of Paul Robeson and celebrating April 9, 1998, as "Paul Robeson Day."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LITERACY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, MD, on the occasion of its 35th anniversary on November 13, 1998. The Literacy Council was founded by Mrs. Beth Kilgore, and is a nonprofit organization supported by public funds and private contributions.

Since the Council's inception in 1963, the volunteer tutors have taught nearly 7,400 illiterate adults to read, write, and speak English. Dedicated volunteers act as administrators, office workers, speakers, and fundraisers, as well as tutors, and devote about 37,000 hours per year to the battle against illiteracy.

The Literacy Council has two primary programs: Basic Literacy, for English-speaking adults who have failed or have not had the opportunity to learn to read and write; and English as a Second Language, for foreign-born adults who need to learn English. At any given time, the Council has about 800 students and about 500 tutors participating in these programs.

The socioeconomic rewards of the services provided by the Literacy Council are invaluable. Newly literate adults become more involved and effective parents encouraging their children to aspire to more promising lives. Literacy skills enable these adults to acquire jobs and become productive members of society.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, MD, for 35 years of dedicated service to our community. It is a proud moment for me to pay tribute to the winning combination of staff, volunteers, and students of the council who have devoted their time and energies to wiping out illiteracy in our Nation.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH J. BEEBY

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the great, behind-the-scenes figures in American business today. He is Kenneth J. Beeby, who will retire this year after 25 years of service with Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. Ken's leadership and dedication has led Ocean Spray and the cranberry industry nationwide through a period of unparalleled prosperity and growth.

Our professional and personal life creates many fine lines, demanding us to make many hard choices and decisions every day. Few people learn to navigate this line and maintain a balance—when to walk it, when to crossover and when to stand up and on what side. Ken Beeby is one of those few people who have mastered this ability with honor, self-respect and integrity.

During his 25 years of service to Ocean Spray, Ken has compiled an impressive record of achievement, rising to the post of Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Massachusetts is the birthplace of the cranberry industry and the home of Ocean Spray Cranberries, a grower owned market cooperative. For nearly 70 years, the cranberry industry has been a major contributor to our economic and employment base in Massachusetts. And Ken's keen intellect and understanding of the legal issues surrounding the Cooperative form of business and proper trademark usage enabled Ocean Spray to develop and grow into the organization it is today.

Cranberry growers nationwide respect and admire Ken's intelligent and professional manner in which he diligently performed his duties. His faithful service with various agricultural and trade organizations has been a benefit to the best interests of all cranberry farming communities across the country.

Ken started with the grower-owned cooperative in 1973 as House Counsel. In 1976, he was promoted to Chief Legal Officer and a year later, was named Vice President-General Counsel. In 1982, he was appointed Secretary of the Corporation.

Prior to joining Ocean Spray, Ken served as Staff Attorney and Assistant General Counsel with Seven-Up from 1961 to 1973. He is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and Beloit College in Wisconsin.

Ken is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Council of Farmer's Cooperatives, Grocery Manufacturers of America, National Food Processors Association, American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, American Agricultural Law Association, Association of Food and Drug Officials and the American Corporate Counsel Association.

An active participant in his home community, Ken is a Lay Person of his church and a former board member of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. He and his wife Shelley live in Duxbury, Massachusetts. They have three children and two grandchildren.

The cranberry industry has benefited from Ken's wise judgement, calm guidance and compassionate insight into the crucial issues facing business and agriculture. His devotion